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SUBJECT: FY 2006 IVLP, ITT Ground Transportation Safety and Planning

REFERENCE: OTTAWA 1504

1. Post proposes a two-person IVLP project on Ground Transportation Safety and Planning in the U.S. This project would better acquaint two players involved in supporting Canada-U.S. trade via truck to overall U.S. security policies, U.S. border security concerns, regulation and implementation, including both northern and southern borders, ground transportation safety measures, infrastructure planning and funding, and broader border security measures, such as container inspection, bio-terrorism countermeasures, and marine security cooperation. The project would support Mission's objectives in protecting critical infrastructure and promoting secure and stable markets with the U.S.' largest trading partner.

2. Post nominates Stephen Laskowski, Assistant Vice President, Ontario Trucking Association; Robert Kroeker, Director of Commercial Vehicle Safety, British Columbia Ministry of Solicitor General, subject to availability once approved and invited. Both candidates have full country team approval.

3. EVDB-formatted nomination follows:

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START NOMINATION:

ECA-OFFICE: E/VRW

PROG-AGENCY-NAME:

POST-PROJ-ID: 330

ECA-PROJ-NO:

PROJ-NAME: ITT Ground Transportation Safety and Planning
(Laskowski, Kroeker)

START MEMO PROJ-DESC:

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FY: 2006

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PROG-TYPE-ID: 29

NOMINATING-POST-ID: 6540
FUNDING-CNTRY-ID: 322158
STATUS: N
ORIGINATOR: P
SUBJ-DISC: Transportation Systems
START BIO:
PREFIX: Mr.
F-NAME: Stephen
M-NAME:
L-NAME: Laskowski
SUFFIX:
POSITION-CODE: 123
PRINCIPAL?: Yes
GENDER: M
DOB: 07/07/1967
MAR-STAT:
BIRTH-CITY: Hamilton, Ontario
BIRTH-CNTRY: Canada
CITIZ-CNTRY: Canada
RES-CNTRY: Canada
START MEMO POSITION:
Assistant Vice President, Ontario Trucking Association
END MEMO POSITION:
START MEMO OTHER-POSITIONS:
Associate Vice President, Canadian Trucking Alliance
END MEMO OTHER-POSITIONS:
START MEMO PREV-POSITIONS:

END MEMO PREV-POSITIONS:
START MEMO US-TRAVEL:
travel in U.S. for business purposes - Albany and Buffalo
NY; Harrisburg PA; Trenton NJ; Lansing and Detroit MI;
Washington DC and Scottsdale AZ, all related to tax issues,
customs issues or meeting with other trucking
representatives; trips are infrequent and issue-driven
(other than Buffalo and Detroit)
END MEMO US-TRAVEL:
START MEMO OTHER-TRAVEL:
none
END MEMO OTHER-TRAVEL:
START MEMO EDUCATION:
Undergraduate honors degree (political science and history)
was from McMaster University; masters degree (public
administration) from the University of Western Ontario
END MEMO EDUCATION:
START MEMO MEMBERSHIPS:
Ontario Trucking Association, Canadian Trucking Alliance
END MEMO MEMBERSHIPS:
START MEMO PUBLICATIONS:
none
END MEMO PUBLICATIONS:
START MEMO SPEC-CONSID:
Dietary or medical considerations (e.g. diabetic, allergies,
vegetarian): none known
Smoker/non-smoker: non-smoker

END MEMO SPEC-CONSID:
FIRST-LANG: English
ENGL-READ: 5
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ENGL-COMP: 5
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NOMINATING-OFFICER: Pol/Econ Janice Weiner
START MEMO NOMINATING-JUSTIFICATION:
This nomination supports the post's goal of protecting
critical infrastructure and secure and stable markets.
Stephen Laskowski is following in the footsteps of Ontario
Trucking Association president David Bradley, who has become
a master at understanding and - in the correct fora -
articulating the border and transportation interests of the
trucking community, which moves so much of North America's
trade. It is essential that this indispensable cog in our
trade have a full understanding, not only of how to partner
and converse with various levels of government and business
on the Canadian side, but on the U.S. side as well.
Laskowski would benefit from meetings with DHS, to better
understand how the various border programs work and are
intended to work; with state departments of transportation,
not only in neighboring states, where contacts likely
already exist, but in other border states, such as
Washington State, California or Texas, to learn how others
deal with border issues; with members of Congress or
staffers to open a dialogue on border issues; and with city
governments that have dealt with knotty traffic problems.

It would give Laskowski, i.a., a greater understanding of how security and efficient trade can be balanced, and help him put the security aspect into its proper perspective.
END MEMO NOMINATING-JUSTIFICATION:
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HOME-HOSP?: Yes
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END BIO:
START BIO:
PREFIX: Mr.
F-NAME: Robert
M-NAME: George
L-NAME: Kroeker
SUFFIX:
POSITION-CODE: 120
PRINCIPAL?: Yes
GENDER: M
DOB: 07/29/1961
MAR-STAT: U
BIRTH-CITY: New Westminster
BIRTH-CNTRY: Canada
CITIZ-CNTRY: Canada
RES-CNTRY: Canada
START MEMO POSITION:
Director of Commercial Vehicle Safety, Government of British Columbia
END MEMO POSITION:
START MEMO OTHER-POSITIONS:

END MEMO OTHER-POSITIONS:
START MEMO PREV-POSITIONS:
Director, Vehicle Licensing Policy, Government of British Columbia
Constable, RCMP
END MEMO PREV-POSITIONS:
START MEMO US-TRAVEL:
Vacations to South West United States (Phoenix, Palm Springs) 1 or 2 times yearly for 10 days at a time
Business
Washington, DC 3 days in January 2002
Houston, Texas 3 days in February 2004
END MEMO US-TRAVEL:
START MEMO OTHER-TRAVEL:
none
END MEMO OTHER-TRAVEL:
START MEMO EDUCATION:
Bachelor of Arts, Criminology, Simon Fraser University (1985)
Law Degree, University of Victoria (1992)
Masters of Public Administration, University of Victoria (2000)
END MEMO EDUCATION:
START MEMO MEMBERSHIPS:
Canadian Bar Association
Law Society of British Columbia
International Public Administration of Canada
END MEMO MEMBERSHIPS:
START MEMO PUBLICATIONS:
Proceeds of Crime - Journal Article
Legal Advice for Police - Journal Article
END MEMO PUBLICATIONS:
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none
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FIRST-LANG: English

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NOMINATING-OFFICER: CG Arreaga, PA Hillman and Eng
START MEMO NOMINATING-JUSTIFICATION:
Rob Kroeker, who works in the British Columbia Ministry of the Solicitor General as director of commercial vehicle safety, has a background in law, criminology and transportation. The post nominates him for an IVL program that explores ground transportation policy at the local, state, and federal level in the U.S. as well as at the U.S.-Canada bilateral level and NAFTA international level. Mr. Kroeker sits on the Canadian Council of Motor Transport Administrators, which is the body with federal, provincial and territorial representatives who coordinate all matters regarding administration, regulation and control of motor vehicle transportation. This would include transport of hazardous goods and transport strategies. Mr. Kroeker envisions his future as an assistant or deputy minister dealing with transport. He is very interested in learning more about the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, meeting state counterparts in commercial transportation and law enforcement, and organizations dealing with security and safety. Better knowledge of the U.S. side of commercial ground transportation would assist him (and Canada) to better harmonize transport rules which he says can be quite divergent. Some examples in which U.S. and Canada regulations differ include hours of service (hours a trucker can be on the road), safety inspection criteria, and border rules. He would like to see what directions are being taken for common rules applying to NAFTA, anticipating more tri-country trade in the future. Mr. Kroeker presently does not have any contacts at the U.S. federal and state levels of government. An IVL program for Mr. Kroeker would be a useful means of opening communications between our two countries in regards to commercial ground transportation. The president of the B.C. Trucking Association speaks very highly of Mr. Kroeker and believes he has a bright future in government. With a Bachelors Degree in criminology, a law degree and a Masters Degree in public administration, Mr. Kroeker has a solid foundation to be effective in his future work, and in cooperating with American neighbors to ensure secure and smooth border crossings.

END MEMO NOMINATING-JUSTIFICATION:

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